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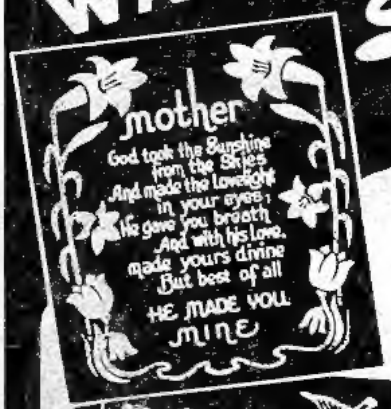

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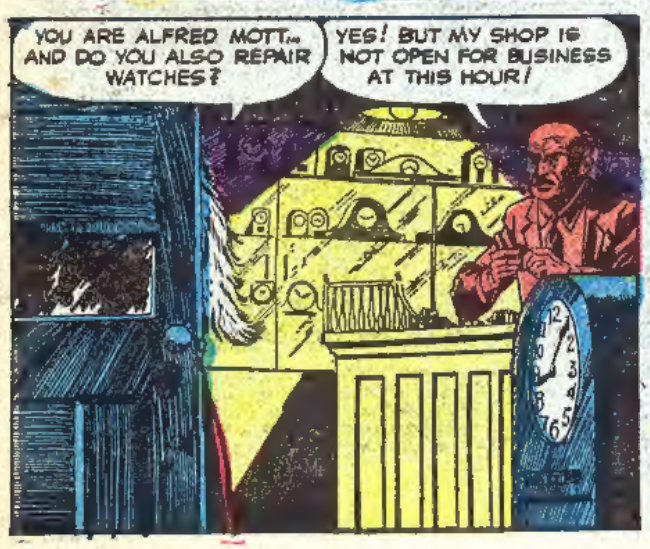
LIKE A PLAY OR A MOVIE, **MYSTERY** HAS TO HAVE A SETTING... A PLACE TO HAPPEN! AND THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR **MYSTERY** IS AFTER DARKNESS BLOTS OUT THE DAY, FILLING THE STREETS AND ALLEYS WITH STALKING SHADOWS AND STRANGE SOUNDS! THINGS MOST MYSTERIOUS ALWAYS OCCUR IN SETTINGS SUCH AS THAT, AND ALWAYS IN...

# the MIDDLE of the NIGHT!



AS A MATTER OF FACT... MY DOOR WAS LOCKED AND BOLTED! HOW DID YOU OPEN IT?
NO MATTER! BUT IT **DOES** MATTER THAT I HAVE THIS WATCH REPAIRED BEFORE THE BELL IN THE STEEPLE STRIKES MIDNIGHT AGAIN!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIX YOUR WATCH BY MIDNIGHT TOMORROW! I HAVE ALL THESE CLOCKS TO REPAIR AND..
I WILL PAY YOU TWICE WHAT YOU WOULD EARN DOING ALL THE OTHER WORK!

THOUGHTS OF THE MONEY HE WOULD GET FOR REPAIRING THE WATCH, FORCES ALFRED TO HIS WORKBENCH! AND AS THE CITY SLEEPS... ALFRED TOILS...

THE NIGHT AGES TWO HOURS... AND FROM ALFRED MOTT'S SHOP COMES A GASP! AND THEN... SILENCE...

AMAZEMENT MAKES ALFRED MUTE! HE STARES AT THE MYSTERIOUS WATCH AS IF IT WERE A THING UNTOUCHABLE... THEN HE DARES THINK...

AFTER I REPAIRED IT, I TESTED THE HOUR HAND BY PUSHING IT BACKWARD ALL THE WAY AROUND... AND TODAY BECAME YESTERDAY!

I'VE GOT THE RED SHIRT ON THAT I WORE YESTERDAY... AND THE CLOCKS I REPAIRED AND THE CUSTOMERS TOOK HOME YESTERDAY... THEY'RE BACK ON MY SHELVES!

IT MUST BE THIS WATCH! BY PUSHING BACK THE HANDS! I PUSHED BACK TIME ONE WHOLE DAY! I'LL TRY IT AGAIN! THIS TIME I'LL PUSH IT BACK A WHOLE WEEK!

... AND HERE I AM... BACK IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE I WAS A WEEK AGO WHEN I CAME HERE TO BUY CLOCK PARTS!

MART

FOOD MART

AND BY TURNING THE HANDS OF THIS WATCH FORWARD... I CAN RETURN MYSELF TO THE PRESENT AGAIN!

NO WONDER THAT STRANGER DIDN'T CARE WHAT IT COST TO HAVE IT REPAIRED! BUT HE'LL NEVER GET IT BACK! I CAN USE IT TO BECOME VERY RICH!

I CAN PUT MYSELF BACK CENTURIES ... TO THE DAYS OF ROYALTY AND WEALTH! KING HENRY THE III OF FRANCE HAD A FABULOUS COLLECTION OF JEWELS BACK IN 1575... SO I'LL JUST TURN BACK THE TIME AND...

HERE I AM... IN FRANCE IN THE YEAR 1575! AND THERE'S THE ROYAL CHATEAU!

ONLY THE MOON SEES ALFRED SCALE THE CASTLE WALL...
ANY ONE OF THESE THINGS WILL BE WORTH A FORTUNE BACK IN 1957 AND...
QU'EST-CE QUE CECI?
I'M TAKING YOUR CROWN AND YOUR JEWELS, YOUR HIGHNESS... BACK TO THE YEAR 1957!
A MADMAN! A THIEF! GUARDS! I'M BEING ROBBED!
THE DOOR IS LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE, YOUR MAJESTY!
BREAK IT DOWN!
BY THE TIME THEY DO, I'LL BE ON MY WAY BACK THRU THE CENTURIES... BACK TO 1957, SIMPLY BY TURNING THE TIME ON MY WATCH AND...
MY WATCH! WHERE'S MY WATCH?
STAND, THIEF... OR WE WILL RUN YOU THRU!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY WATCH?
ALFRED MOTT DOESN'T HAVE HIS WATCH, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS IN THE YEAR 1575... AND IT'LL BE. THIRTY YEARS BEFORE THEY'RE INVENTED! BUT ALFRED DOESN'T KNOW THAT... AND FROM THE PRISON TOWER OF PARIS, HE KEEPS PLEADING AND RAVING..
MY WATCH! WHAT HAPPENED TO MY WATCH! GIVE ME BACK MY WATCH SO I CAN GO BACK TO THE YEAR 1957!
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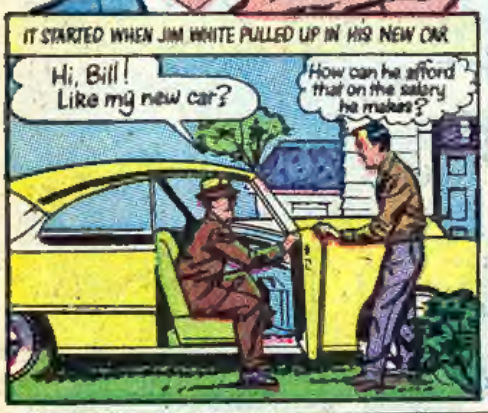
# How I Made a Small Fortune In Spare Time!

## (WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY)

### The TRUE STORY of William Bergstrom of Illinois

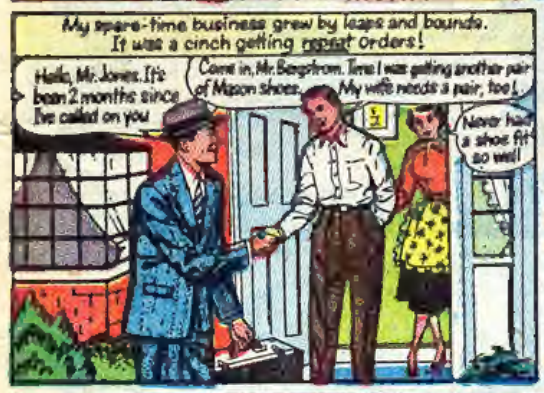


No, but maybe BETTER! I'm a Mason Shoe Man in off hours. You should see how people buy these shoes! Look, real AIR CUSHION innersoles!
GOSH! Can I make money that way?

Jim told me Mason sends a Selling Outfit FREE and shows how to make MONEY. So I mailed a coupon. My wife was thrilled:
Bill! Look... a real air cushion innersole that customers can feel!
And look at this! Over 175 different styles! Dress shoes, sport shoes, work shoes... from width AAA to EEEE!

I started with friends, relatives, people where I worked. EVERYBODY wants comfortable shoes!
Just feel that cushion, Joe! Wouldn't you like to "Walk on Air" all day long?
Say, I'd like those shoes. You sure have swell styles... my right size, too!

Soon the Mason people sent me actual sample shoes, and sales came faster than ever!
Say, you have a larger selection than a store!
Stores can't carry all the sizes and widths to fit every foot right. Mason has 200,000 pairs on hand, so I'm never out of a style, size or width!


My spare-time business grew by leaps and bounds. It was a cinch getting repeat orders!
Hello, Mr. Jones. It's been 2 months since I've called on you
Come in, Mr. Bergstrom. Time I was getting another pair of Mason shoes. My wife needs a pair, too!
Never had a shoe fit so well!

I soon had a business that brought me over $3,000 EXTRA a year, plus exciting prizes. I found real security
Bill! a new toaster!
Didn't cost a cent! Mason gave it to me. They give away thousands of prizes every year. I've really made a small fortune!

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You bet I want to start making a small fortune in spare time! Rush my FREE SELLING OUTFIT with everything I need to start making money my first hour!

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LANE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW ANYONE COULD BE AFRAID OF THE OLD MAN AND HIS UGLY, LITTLE WAX DOLLS! NATURALLY, ONLY FOOLS BELIEVE IN...

# VOODOO!

ROBERT SALE

SO YOU DO NOT BELIEVE IN VOODOO, EH, SERGEANT LANE? I WONDER HOW LONG YOU WOULD LAUGH IF I MADE A WAX IMAGE OF *YOU!*

THREATS, MARIO? SAVE 'EM! I'M NOT ONE OF THE SUPERSTITIOUS FOOLS YOU'VE BEEN EXTORTING MONEY FROM!

A STRANGE *JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!*

YOU'VE GOT QUITE A RACKET! YOU MAKE THESE WAX DOLLS, ADD A FEW HAIRS OR A BIT OF CLOTHING BELONGING TO THE VICTIM...

..AND IF THE VICTIM DOES NOT PAY, I DESTROY HIS IMAGE AND HE DIES! SO THEY SAY! BUT CAN YOU *PROVE* IT, SERGEANT?

I *WILL!* I PROMISE YOU! THE PEOPLE IN THIS PART OF TOWN ARE ALL FOREIGN-BORN! THEY BELIEVE THIS NONSENSE! BUT *I DON'T!*

EASY, LANE! NO USE FLYING OFF THE HANDLE! HE'S GOT US! I'VE BEEN ON THIS CASE FOR A YEAR, AND I'VE GOTTEN NOWHERE!

MAYBE THAT'S WHY HEADQUARTERS ASSIGNED ME TO THE CASE AS YOUR PARTNER! YOU OLD-TIMERS... I SUPPOSE YOU BELIEVE IN VOODOO!
I'M NOT SURE! I ONLY KNOW THAT WHEN YOU'VE BEEN AROUND AS LONG AS I HAVE, YOU DON'T RULE ANYTHING OUT AS IMPOSSIBLE!
WE'LL GET MARIO, IF HE'S GUILTY! BUT...
BUT SERGEANT BRICE KNOWS THAT NO ONE WILL SPEAK OUT AGAINST ME! SO, IF YOU ARE WISE...
THREATS AGAIN, MARIO? OKAY! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I THINK OF YOUR VOODOO! I'LL GIVE YOU A FEW OF MY HAIRS! GO AHEAD AND PUT 'EM IN ONE OF YOUR PHONY DOLLS!
DO YOUR WORST, YOU OLD FAKE! YOU'VE VICTIMIZED HALF THE POOR PEOPLE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD! BUT SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL PAY!
ANGRILY, LANE STAMPED FROM THE GLOOMY, DINGY APARTMENT! AND BEHIND HIM AN OLD MAN SMILED!
SOMETIMES THE YOUNG ARE FOOLISH, EH, SERGEANT? BUT WE OLDER MEN...
DON'T CLASS ME WITH YOURSELF, MARIO! MAYBE LANE IS WRONG, AND MAYBE NOT! BUT I'M STILL ON HIS SIDE! WE'LL SEE!
LANE MIGHT HAVE SHUDDERED IF HE HAD SEEN THAT SARDONIC SMILE, BUT HE DID NOT SEE! FOR WEEKS HE REMAINED ON THE TRAIL!
NO, OFFICERS, I KNOW NOTHING OF THIS MARIO, PLEASE! I KNOW NOTHING!
YOU'RE LYING! WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? MARIO CAN'T HURT YOU WITH HIS VOODOO! YOU'VE GOT TO TALK!
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HE WON'T TALK, LANE! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! LET'S GO!
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMEONE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WHO'LL TALK! AND SOONER OR LATER, I'LL FIND HIM!
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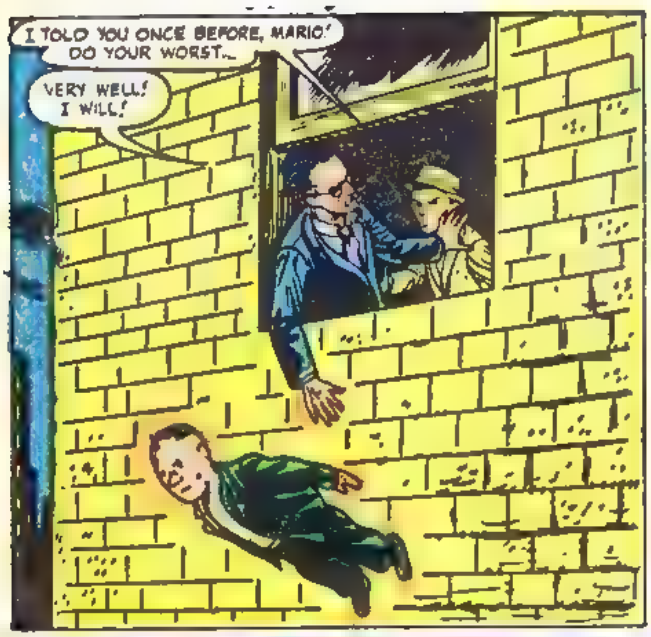
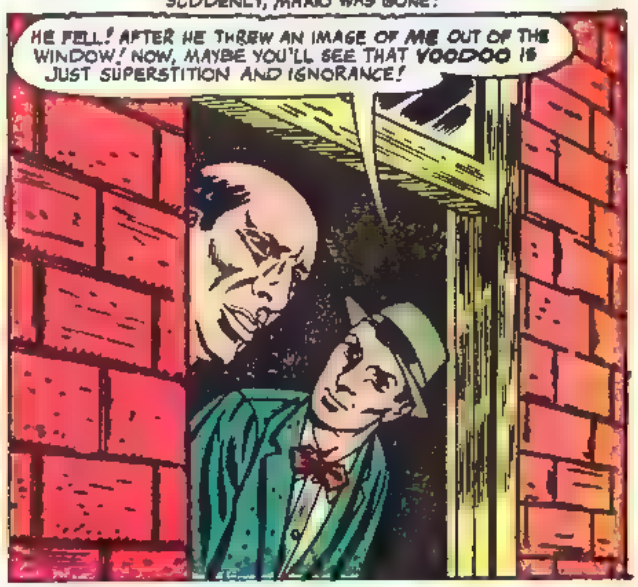
EVERYWHERE, LANE RAN INTO A BLANK WALL OF SUPERSTITION...BUT HE WENT ON! AND SO, IN THE END, HE WON!
BRICE! I'VE DONE IT! I FOUND SOMEONE WHO'S WILLING TO SWEAR THAT MARIO HAS BEEN BLACKMAILING HIM!
YOU'RE SURE YOUR WITNESS WILL TALK?
POSITIVE! MARIO HAS TAKEN EVERY CENT HE HAD! NOW, MARIO SAYS HE'LL DIE UNLESS HE KEEPS PAYING!
SO HE'LL TALK ON THE CHANCE THAT WE CAN SAVE HIM, BECAUSE HE'S GOT NOTHING TO LOSE? I SEE...
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GO! OR ARE YOU AFRAID TO GO?
SHAKING HIS HEAD, BRICE FOLLOWED LANE FROM THE OFFICE! BUT IT WAS LANE WHO DID THE TALKING, LATER!
SO YOU HAVE COME TO ARREST ME, EH? A PITY, SERGEANT! I WAS HOPING THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE TO USE THIS!
STILL THREATENING, EH, MARIO? I GUESS THAT'S AN IMAGE OF ME, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS AN IMAGE OF YOU, INTO WHICH I PUT THE HAIRS YOU GAVE ME! YOU SEE I AM PREPARED FOR YOU!
YOU NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU? DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN SCARE ME OFF? YOU'RE GOING TO JAIL, MARIO! NOW!
NO! STAND BACK! I WARN YOU! IF YOU COME ONE STEP CLOSER, I THROW THE DOLL OUT OF THE WINDOW!
LANE, WAIT! IT'S THREE STORIES TO THE PAVEMENT!
WHAT OF IT, BRICE! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
HE IS SAYING THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS TO THIS IMAGE WILL HAPPEN TO YOU, LANE! IF I THROW IT OUT THE WINDOW, YOU DIE!



HOW IT HAPPENED, LANE COULD NOT HAVE SAID AFTERWARD! BUT, SUDDENLY, MARIO WAS GONE!



I NEVER SAID IT WASN'T! I SAID THAT I'D NEVER RULE ANYTHING OUT AS IMPOSSIBLE! AND I STILL WON'T!
BUT YOU SAW! THAT WAX DOLL WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ME! IT HAD MY HAIR IN IT! BUT IT WAS MARIO WHO FELL!

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU GAVE MARIO THOSE HAIRS? THAT DAY WHEN NEITHER OF YOU WAS LOOKING, I PULLED A SWITCH! I FOUND SOME HAIRS ON MARIO'S BED!

# IMMORTAL HORSES

AT one time the land in Telford Flats had been considered very valuable. People came from near and far to purchase as much as they could of the sun-baked fields because there was a rumor that a fortune in oil bubbled its hidden way underneath the earth's surface.

Soon the bare fields were stubbled with small makeshift houses. Anxiously men toiled to discover the precious "black gold," as their wives shooed the children from underfoot, and the dogs yapped excitedly to the strange new sounds of the oil drills.

One night old Hugh Palmer and a new friend, "Digger" Jack, one of the recent prospectors who had come to town, were seen walking up a narrow dirt road in the deepening twilight.

"Meeting Old Yurie doesn't scare me one whit in spite of all the mean tales I've heard about how he regards the new folks who have moved in here. Now you can't dislike your neighbors really until you get to know them. So I figure it would be decent for Yurie to meet me and get to know me real well so that when he says he doesn't like me at least he'll have a good reason for it."

Now Digger was a shrewd and clever man, but he preferred to do business on the up and up, and he respected the stubborn kind of man Yurie was. However, Digger had quite a bit of money that just for the coaxing could make him quite a bit more money. And if a man wouldn't sell up his land to him so that Digger Jack could drill to see if there was any oil there, another way was possible. Digger could usually lend his money to set the man up with equipment and take a percentage of the profits if the oil poured in. And that's what he was thinking would be the most likely chance he had with Yurie, although he would have far preferred to buy Yurie's land outright for the speculation.

Not even the glimmer of a star cut through the dark crust of night as the two men unhitched the fence that bound in Yurie's property. From the sides of Yurie's house, a protective grove of trees backed into the depths of the property. As Digger Jack stared into them he thought he saw several flashes of white, but it could have been his eyes playing tricks on him. Yet his ears seemed to hold the echoes of a low, whinnying sound that skirted the silent night in a mournful whisper.

"What is that?" he said to Hugh in a hushed voice. "Didn't you see or hear anything peculiar?"

"Nope!" Hugh insisted. "What do you mean?"

"Well, it was like horses I heard . . . yes, that's what I must have seen, too . . . horses!"

"Why, old man Yurie's too poor to own a bucket of oats much less a horse! You're imagining things."

"Maybe so," Digger Jack admitted looking over his shoulder uncomfortably, "but when I was no bigger than my grandpa's walking cane, my folks used to raise horses. I can hear and smell 'em quicker than most people see them."

"Not here, you don't," said Hugh. "My, that's a good one though, thinking that poor Yurie could afford to keep a horse around here!"

Hugh rapped on the door, and there was the splintering sound of the bolt being pushed back. The clumsy door swung back on its rusty hinges, and a bearded, scowling face stared at them.

"What do you want? You got business with me, Hugh? What stranger you dragging in here to bother me with?"

Despite his grumbling, Yurie stepped back to let them in. The coals of a fire sputtered in the grate, and their shadows fell upon the rough boards of the living room. Digger Jack was somewhat surprised to see that Yurie was a very small man, several heads shorter than average, as a matter of fact.

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HEIR TO A FABULOUS FORTUNE, JEAN LACOSTE PURSUED A FABULOUS HOBBY...A HOBBY WHICH SOON COLORED HIS LIFE WITH THE LURID HUES OF...

# the RED DOOM!

YES, MY FRIENDS... YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE WORLD'S MOST MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF JEWELS! THE JEWELS IN THIS ROOM ARE THE LARGEST EXISTING GEMS IN THE WORLD!
THIS IS BREATH-TAKING! IT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I'VE EVER SEEN!
WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS DIAMOND, MONSIEUR LACOSTE?

TO MY LEFT IS THE ESPERANCE SAPPHIRE! TO MY RIGHT, THE KING KOLO DIAMOND! NEEDLESS TO SAY, NO BIGGER SAPPHIRES OR DIAMONDS EXIST!
NOW FOR THE REAL PRIZE OF MY COLLECTION! THE FOUR AND ONE HALF POUND KAZUKI RUBY... THE WORLD'S LARGEST!
I'M AFRAID NOT MONSIEUR LACOSTE!
W-WHAT DID YOU SAY?
THE KAZUKI IS NOT THE LARGEST RUBY IN THE WORLD! I WILL NOT DISPUTE THE SIZE OF YOUR OTHER GEMS! BUT YOURS DEFINITELY IS NOT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST RUBY!
AND IF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST RUBY IS NOT IN MY GLASS CASE, WHERE IS IT?
IN A JUNGLE SHRINE SOMEWHERE IN THE INDIAN PROVINCE OF RONIPUR! BUT NO MAN DARES TAKE IT! WHOEVER HAS TRIED TO STEAL IT, HAS PAID DEARLY FOR HIS FOLLY!
WHY SO? WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS RUBY?
THE NATIVES BELIEVE THEIR FATE IS BOUND UP WITH THE STONE! SO UNPLEASANT HAVE BEEN THE CONSEQUENCES TO THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED TO STEAL THE RUBY, THAT THE GEM IS NOW CALLED... THE RED DOOM!
I LAUGH AT NATIVE TABOOS! IF THERE EXISTS A GEM LARGER THAN THE KAZUKI, IT SHALL BE MINE!
I WARN YOU, MONSIEUR LACOSTE! THE RISK IS SAID TO BE VERY GREAT!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SIR! I MUST HAVE THE WORLD'S LARGEST RUBY, OR MY GEM COLLECTION IS A MOCKERY! MARK MY WORDS! WITHIN A MONTH, I SHALL HAVE THAT RUBY UNDER GLASS!

THE VERY NEXT DAY, JEAN LACOSTE TOOK OFF FOR INDIA IN HIS PRIVATE PLANE...
RONIPUR IS THE LEAST KNOWN OF THE INDIAN PROVINCES AND THE MOST PRIMITIVE, MONSIEUR LACOSTE! HIRING A SAFARI WILL NOT BE EASY!
I WILL PAY THE HIGHEST WAGES! MY ONLY CONCERN IS TO GET THAT RUBY INTO A GLASS CASE!
THREE DAYS LATER, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE RONIPUR JUNGLE...
THE MEN JUST FOUND OUT WHY YOU'RE PENETRATING THE JUNGLE, MONSIEUR! THEY KNOW THE LEGEND! THEY'RE AFRAID!
DOUBLE THEIR SALARIES! GREED IS A STRONGER PASSION THAN FEAR! LET THEM BE TEMPTED AS I AM TEMPTED!
A WEEK LATER, IN THE RONIPUR JUNGLE...
WE'RE NOT FAR AWAY NOW, MONSIEUR! BUT THE MEN SAY THEY WILL NOT COME WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THAT RUBY! THEY FEAR THE EVIL POWER!
THEN WE WILL GET IT YOU AND I!
OH, NO, MONSIEUR! ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD COULDN'T TEMPT ME TO DEFY THAT SUPERSTITION! IF YOU WANT THAT RUBY, YOU ALONE MUST FETCH IT!
VERY WELL, I WILL! MAKE YOUR CAMP HERE! I'LL BE BACK BEFORE TOMORROW NIGHT!
AFTER AN EXHAUSTING FIVE MILE TREK THRU THE DENSE JUNGLE GROWTH, LACOSTE FINALLY STUMBLED INTO A CLEARING...
T-THERE IT IS! THE SHRINE!
LACOSTE RACED ACROSS THE INTERVENING SPACE! WITH POUNDING HEART, HE PAUSED IN THE DOORWAY...
THE HINDU DID NOT LIE! IT IS ENORMOUS! IT DWARFS THE KAZUKI RUBY!
IT MUST WEIGH AT LEAST EIGHT POUNDS! I CAN'T WAIT TILL I PUT IT UNDER GLASS!

THERE WASN'T A NATIVE WITHIN MILES OF THE STONE! NO ONE GUARDING IT! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE RUBY WASN'T TAKEN BEFORE THIS! HOW FOOLISH PEOPLE ARE TO FEAR LEGENDS!
IN A WEEK I'LL BE BACK IN PARIS! I'LL EXHIBIT THIS RUBY IN AN ENORMOUS GLASS CASE AND
CRACCKK
I'VE HIT AN INVISIBLE BARRIER! I CAN SEE THRU IT—BUT I CAN'T PROCEED!
LACOSTE DREW HIS GUN AND FIRED!
THE BULLETS CAN'T PENETRATE! THEY MAKE MARKS . AS IF THEY'RE STRIKING INVISIBLE GLASS!
LACOSTE RACED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION! BUT HE COULD ONLY MOVE SIX FEET!
IT'S GLASS! THAT'S WHAT IT IS! GLASS!
LACOSTE TURNED DESPAIRINGLY TO THE LEFT AND TO THE RIGHT! THE SAME THING HAPPENED!
I'M SURROUNDED BY GLASS! INVISIBLE GLASS!
AND SO, JEAN LACOSTE GOT HIS WISH! HIS GEM COLLECTION WAS NOW COMPLETE! HE HAD THE WORLD'S LARGEST RUBY UNDER GLASS!
THE END
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# the DESERT RAT!

THE OLD BOY'S A MADMAN!
THREW ME OUT BEFORE I COULD OPEN MY MOUTH!
DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
ONE MAN...HOLDING UP A MILLION DOLLAR ROAD PROJECT!

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Daily
DESERT RAT DEFIES GOVERNMENT!
Aged hermit refuses to leave condemned shack.
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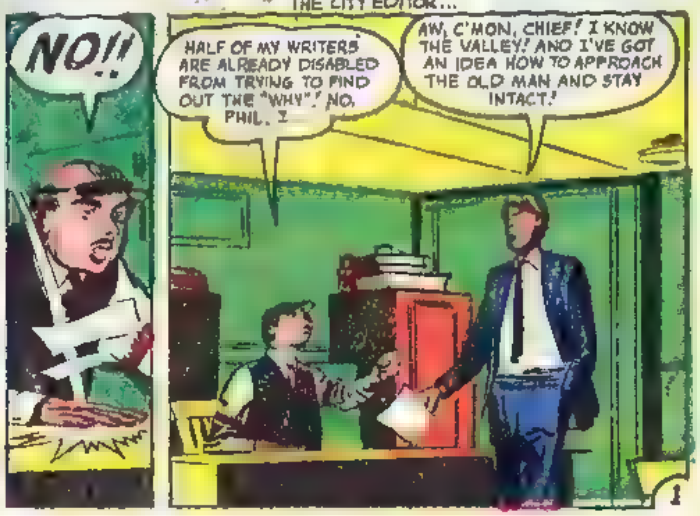
ON A WEST COAST DAILY, FEATURE WRITER PHIL BRADLEY ARGUED WITH THE CITY EDITOR...


NO!!
HALF OF MY WRITERS ARE ALREADY DISABLED FROM TRYING TO FIND OUT THE "WHY"! NO, PHIL. I
AW, C'MON, CHIEF! I KNOW THE VALLEY! AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW TO APPROACH THE OLD MAN AND STAY INTACT!

ARMED WITH HIS EDITOR'S RELUCTANT CONSENT, PHIL LOST NO TIME IN PUTTING "OPERATION DECEPTION" INTO EFFECT! FEIGNING A SICK, LOST AND BEWILDERED TRAVELER...
YOU ARE FEELING BETTER, MY FRIEND?
M-MUCH THANKS TO YOU!
I MUST'VE WALKED FOR DAYS AFTER MY CAR BROKE DOWN!
I HAON'T STUMBLED ON YOUR SHACK
ER HOLSE
HA!
SHACK IS CORRECT MY FRIEND!
HOW I HATE IT—
EVERY-THING!
IT IS GOOD TO HAVE COMPANY FOR A MAN WHO ONCE L VED ON THE "BRAVOS" OF CROWDS!
BUT NOW I BUILD A FIRE!
SO HOT IN THE DAY... SO MUCH CHILL AT NIGHT!
PHIL STARED AT THE BASE WITH WHICH JOSEF KRUGG TORE THE CATALOG TO BITS! BUT HE HELD BACK ANY QUESTIONS UNTIL...
I FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN! YOU'RE A REMARKABLE COOK...A REMARKABLE MAN!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, JOSEF! HOLED UP HERE WHEN YOU OBVIOUSLY HATE IT...
YOU'RE A MYSTERY MAN, JOSEF! THE WAY YOU RIPPED THAT CATALOG!
NOT A MAN OF MYSTERY, MY FRIEND!
AN OLD MAN...
WITH AN ACHING HEART...
"ONCE I WAS JOSEF THE GREAT! THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD! THE TOAST OF GLITTERING CAPITALS... PLAYING BEFORE CROWNED HEADS!"
JOSEF THE GREAT
"AND THEN ONE NIGHT..."
I I CANNOT LIFT THE BAR ABOVE MY HEAD! I SUDDENLY HAVE THE WEAKNESS OF A CHILD!
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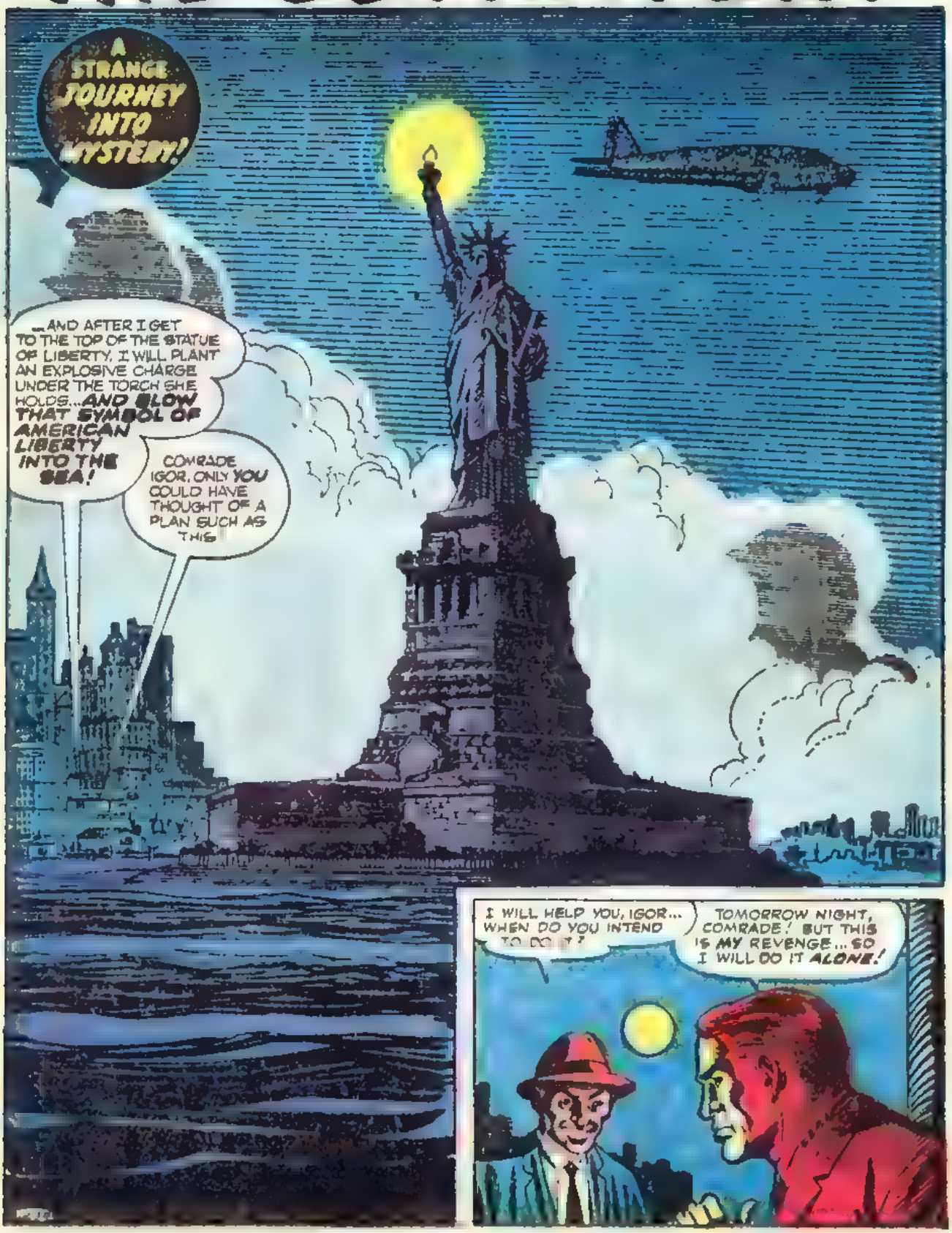
SUCH A BLOW MY FRIEND! BUT THE WORDS OF THE DOCTOR WERE LIKE A DEATH KNELL
YOU HAVE TO FACE JOSEF KRLOGG!
NO! NO!
I AM "JOSEF THE GREAT"
UNTIL I DIE!
"IT WAS A DESPERATE SEARCH! PARIS... BERLIN ROME...! BIG CITIES AND HAMLETS! HOPELESS MUNICH... UNTIL THAT NIGHT IN CAIRO
I FOUND ABU SHAH! I TRAVELED TOO, WITH THE CARAVAN AND WE WERE SOON FRIENDS ..ER... FRIENDLY RIVALS! FOR WE COMPETED BEFORE NIGHTLY CAMPFIRES!"
AND THIS MAN ABU SHAH— HE IS OLD BUT STRONG AS A BULL!
HE IS OF PHENOMENAL STRENGTH! ALWAYS HE LIVES IN SAHARA. YOU CAN FIND HIM WITH CARAVAN OF SHEIK
NO MATTER WHAT FEAT I PERFORM
SO MY FRIENDS! YOU HAVE EXAMINED THE STEEL BAR! AND NOW I TIE A KNOT! A BEAUTIFUL KNOT!
TWO KNOTS! AND THE BAR WAS THICKER THAN MINE!

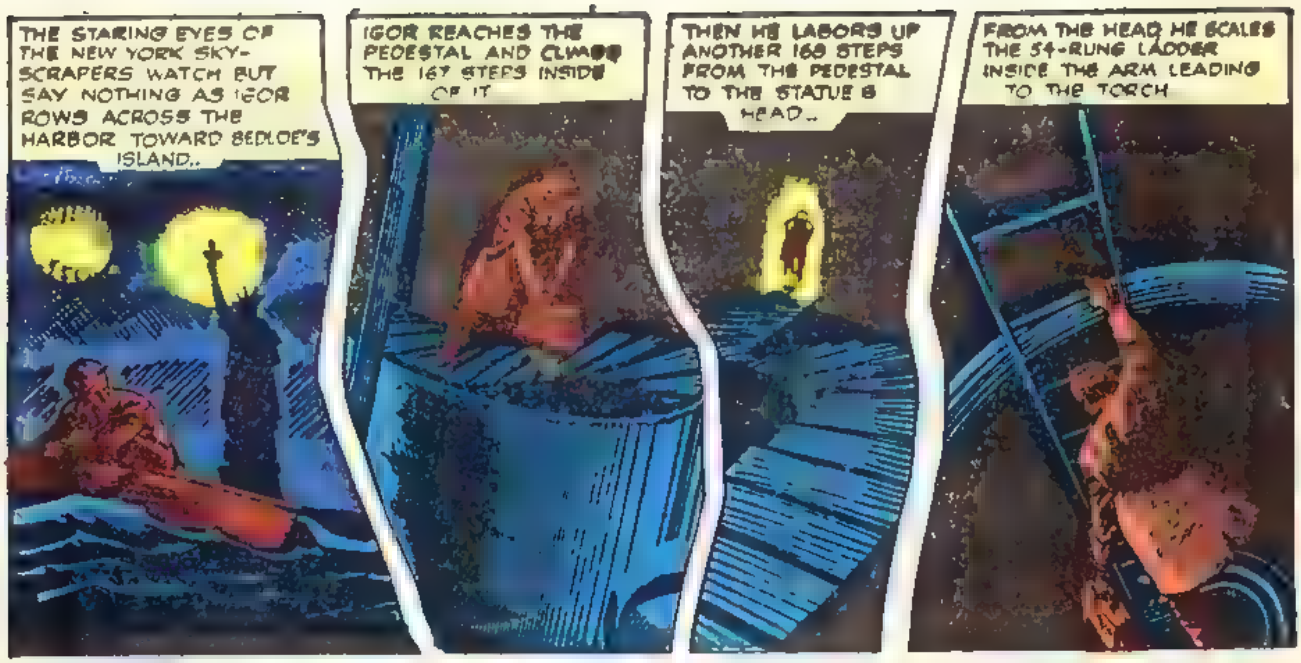
I WAS BESIDE MYSELF! ALWAYS BEING SECOND TO ABU SHAH! I VOWED TO CAPTURE HIS SECRET! I WATCHED HIM LIKE A HAWK! AND ONE NIGHT... I SAW...!
AHHH! EVERY NIGHT HE DRINKS FROM THAT BAG! IT MUST BE.. WHEN HE LEAVES NOW, I
LATER, I GRABBED THAT GOATSKIN BAG AND DRANK FROM IT! IT HAD A BITTER, STRANGE, TASTE! BUT IMMEDIATELY I FELT... SO POWERFUL!
AGAIN I AM AS STRONG AS A MAN OF IRON!
THAT'S CORRECT! AND NOW, YOU, TOO, ARE DOOMED TO LIVE IN THE DESERT . ALWAYS TO BE MY COMPANION!
NO! YOU ARE MISTAKEN! I AM TRAVELING ALONE!
OHH!
FOR SIX WEEKS, I WAS ONCE AGAIN THE GREAT JOSEF! LIVING ON THE BANQUET OF APPLAUSE THAT SALVOED IN THE WAKE OF MY OLD CIRCUS!
BRAVO! BRAVO!
AND THEN IT WAS SUDDENLY LOST TO ME FOREVER! IT HAD BEEN BUT A REPRIEVE! ONE LAST TASTE OF THE WINE OF MY YOUTH! I WAS FORCED TO TURN MY BACK ON THE GOLD OF MY TRIUMPH! FORCED TO FLEE TO THE INFERNO OF DEATH VALLEY!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU HATE THE DESERT! YET YOU MADE IT YOUR HOME! WON'T LEAVE IT!
I CANNOT LEAVE IT!
I AM DOOMED!
ONE NIGHT IN EUROPE..
AFTER THE SHOW...
I MADE A SIMPLE GESTURE!
I PUT MY HAND OUT OF MY DRESSING-ROOM TENT... TO SEE IF IT WAS RAINING!
OH - NO!
YES MY FRIEND! I WAS RAINING!
HA! HA!
AND I SAW THAT I HAD TRULY BECOME A MAN OF IRON!
I KNEW THEN I WOULD HAVE TO FIND SOME DESERT...
WHERE THERE WOULD BE NO RAINFALL
SO I WOULDN'T RUST AWAY...
LIKE MY HAND!

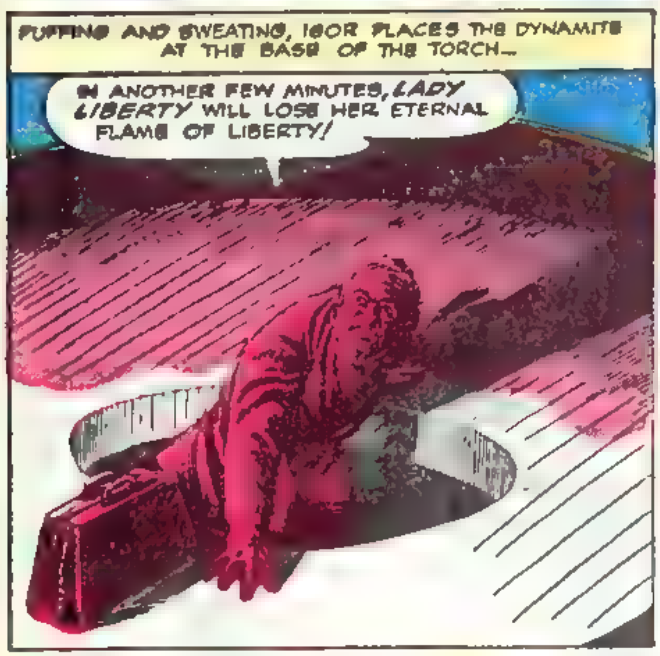
A MAN NAMED IGOR IS THE NO. 1 COMRADE OF THE COMMUNIST CELL IN THE EAST! HIS EFFORTS TO ENROLL AMERICANS INTO HIS RED ORGANIZATION AND TO FORCE THEM TO LOSE FAITH IN AMERICA AND IN THEIR LIBERTY, HAVE FAILED MISERABLY! NOW IGOR SEEKS REVENGE... AND JUST LISTEN TO THE FANTASTIC SCHEME HE HAS DEVISED TO PERPETRATE HIS ACT OF VENGEANCE!

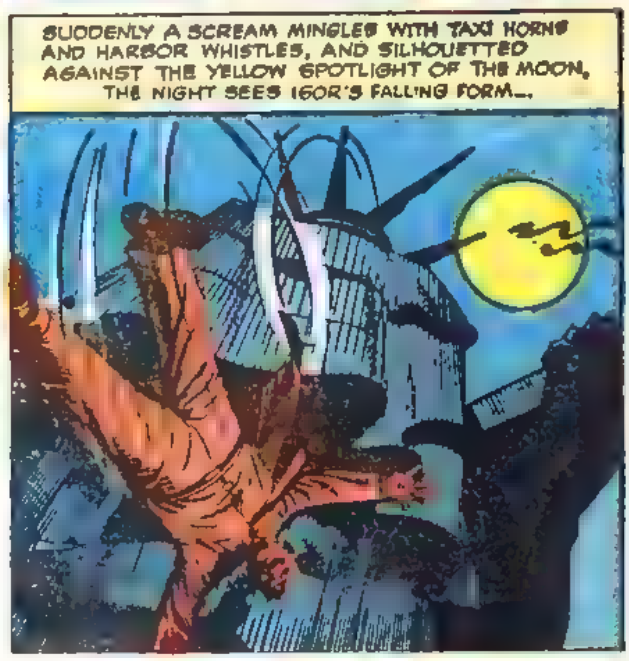
# THE BETRAYER!


A STRANGE JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!
...AND AFTER I GET TO THE TOP OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, I WILL PLANT AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE UNDER THE TORCH SHE HOLDS...AND BLOW THAT SYMBOL OF AMERICAN LIBERTY INTO THE SEA!
COMRADE IGOR, ONLY YOU COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF A PLAN SUCH AS THIS
I WILL HELP YOU, IGOR... WHEN DO YOU INTEND TO DO IT?
TOMORROW NIGHT, COMRADE! BUT THIS IS MY REVENGE... SO I WILL DO IT ALONE!

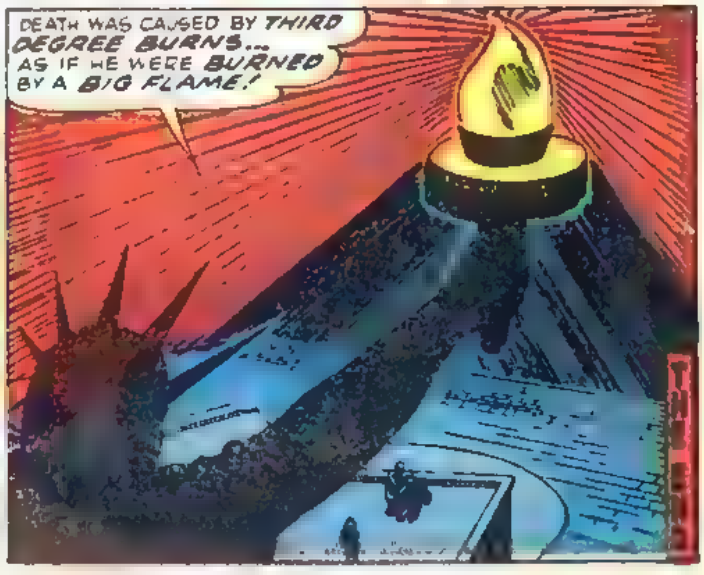
ALL THE NEXT DAY, IGOR PREPARES FOR HIS VENGEFUL VENDETTA..
ALL IS IN READINESS NOW, COMRADES! I HAVE THE ROPE, THE EXPLOSIVES, AND THE DESIRE TO PERFORM THE DEED!
WE WISH YOU SUCCESS, COMRADE IGOR!
TOMORROW THE CITY WILL AWAKEN AND FIND THEIR SYMBOLIC TORCH OF LIBERTY EXTINGUISHED.. JUST AS ONE DAY COMMUNISM WILL ONE DAY EXTINGUISH LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!
HOW DID YOU EVER THINK OF SUCH A PLAN, IGOR?
I GOT THE IDEA FROM THE AMERICANS THEMSELVES!
"AS YOU KNOW, MY PURPOSE HERE IS TO FERMENT TROUBLE TO MAKE AMERICANS DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT, AND TO ENROLL AS MANY AS I CAN INTO OUR ORGANIZATION! BUT WHEN I TRIED, THEY ALL RIDICULED ME..."
GO ON, COMMIE BEAT IT!
YOU WILL ALL REGRET SCORNING COMMUNISM!
THE DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU WILL BEG ME TO ACCEPT YOU!
THERE'S AS MUCH CHANCE FOR THAT, COMMIE, AS THERE IS FOR THE STATUE OF LIBERTY TO LOSE HER TORCH!
"EVERYWHERE I WENT AND EVERYBODY I TRIED TO CONVINCE ABOUT COMMUNISM, TREATED ME THE SAME WAY!"
COME BACK, RED, WHEN THE TORCH ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY STOPS BURNIN'!
SO I DECIDED TO DO WHAT THEY ALL THOUGHT WAS SO IMPOSSIBLE... TO EXTINGUISH THE STATUE OF LIBERTY'S FLAME...
BY BLOWING IT UP AND IT'S NOW TIME FOR YOU TO GO DO IT, COMRADE IGOR!


THE STARING EYES OF THE NEW YORK SKY-SCRAPERS WATCH BUT SAY NOTHING AS IGOR ROWS ACROSS THE HARBOR TOWARD BEDLOE'S ISLAND..
IGOR REACHES THE PEDESTAL AND CLIMBS THE 167 STEPS INSIDE OF IT
THEN HE LABORS UP ANOTHER 168 STEPS FROM THE PEDESTAL TO THE STATUE'S HEAD..
FROM THE HEAD HE SCALES THE 54-RUNG LADDER INSIDE THE ARM LEADING TO THE TORCH


PUFFING AND SWEATING, IGOR PLACES THE DYNAMITE AT THE BASE OF THE TORCH...
IN ANOTHER FEW MINUTES, LADY LIBERTY WILL LOSE HER ETERNAL FLAME OF LIBERTY!


SUDDENLY A SCREAM MINGLES WITH TAXI HORNS AND HARBOR WHISTLES, AND SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE YELLOW SPOTLIGHT OF THE MOON, THE NIGHT SEES IGOR'S FALLING FORM...

IN A SHORT TIME, POLICE BOATS COME SPEEDING AND WAILING TOWARD THE ISLAND AND THE HARBOR IS STREAKED WITH SPOTLIGHTS.
HIS NAME'S IGOR, ACCORDING TO PAPERS IN HIS WALLET! SOME FALL HE TOOK... MUST'VE KILLED HIM IMMEDIATELY, HUH, DOC?
NO, SERGEANT! THE FALL DIDN'T DO IT!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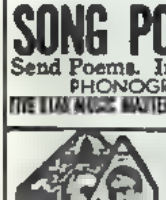

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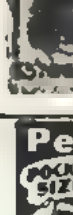


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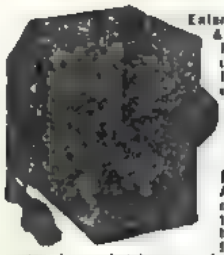

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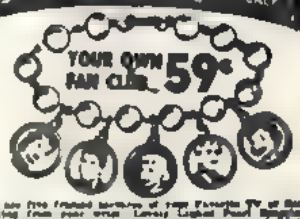

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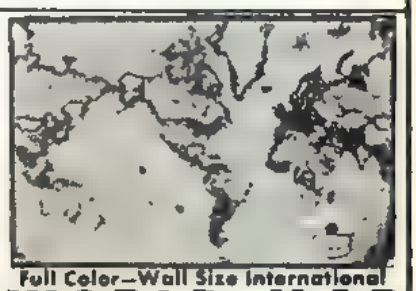

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"It troubles me to know that you resent the people coming into these parts and setting up oil wells," Digger said. "But the nation needs oil, and each man has the right to ride his ambitions to the end of the rainbow. Mr. Yurie, an oil strike could make you a rich man. I have the equipment. You have the land. Couldn't we get together and talk it over?"

Yurie looked at him quizzically. An amused smile lifted the corners of his mouth. He seemed pleased to have someone come directly to the point instead of trying to pretend that he had just come calling to be real sociable.

"Still I'm not one bit interested in plumbing for oil," Yurie announced. "Not with my money or anyone else's help. And that's final!"

Digger Jack was taken aback by this abrupt reply, but in the man's manner he could see that he was dealing with a person who could not be budged from his decision.

"And why do you feel so strongly against doing something that could make you a rich man?" he asked curiously.

"Because a promise is worth more than a bushel of gold," said Yurie. "And I made a promise once to keep this land as it was and as it's going to be, long as I can call this property my own."

Maybe it was the flickering look Yurie made toward the mantelpiece that suddenly made Digger Jack aware of the tiny miniature statues arranged there. Each one was hand carved, each with the lines of a thoroughbred horse. And as he stared more intently, it seemed to him that he recognized one of the most famous racing horses in the world, a horse no longer living, but one that had been a blueblood winner in his day. The horse looked so life-like that he could almost see the ripple of movement run through it. He was so intrigued that he moved toward the mantel, but Yurie stood in his way and looked at him warily.

"I appreciate your interest," he said, "but I don't allow anyone to handle my collection."

"I see you've got the figures

of every great horse that lived," Digger Jack said admiringly.

"The immortal horses of all time," Yurie admitted proudly. "They're all here. I carve the figures myself. You see, I used to be a jockey. A friend of mine was a breeder, a man who raised horses. I helped him after I got too old to ride. Then he gambled and lost his money and the horses. In his will he left me this land I live on with the provision that I keep alive the memory of these magnificent horses. And I do this in the only way I can . . . by carving these small figures and setting them upon the mantel. I'm not finished adding to them by any means, but someday they'll be in a place maybe where the whole world can look at them and see how beautiful these animals were."

Old Yurie's voice had softened, and his face glowed with happiness as he told his story.

When Digger Jack inquired at the land office the next day and investigated through his lawyers about the old deeds in town, he discovered an amazing thing. The land Yurie thought he owned had an old claim on it, and if Digger Jack was smart he could get Yurie's land and drill for oil! Cleverly, he managed to get his hands on the old and rightful claim papers to Yurie's land. That night he set out for the old man's house.

No one answered the door when he knocked, and curiously he peered through the window. His eyes fell upon the mantel, and he noticed that the figures of the horses were gone!

Suddenly he turned, and his keen senses led him behind the house. He stared in amazement as he saw old Yurie bent in the darkness, his hands carving a figure. There was a rush of wind, the soft echo of a horse's whinnying in his ears. And unmistakably he heard Yurie say, "Gallop away again, old girl! I've almost got you perfect this time. Don't worry. Enjoy your workout. No oil-drilling upstarts are going to take this land away from you and your immortal sisters. I promised all of you this eternal pasture, and you shall always have it."

Digger Jack turned away, and as he went he tore into pieces his old claim to Yurie's land. He had seen many spots to drill on Telford Flats, but there could be only one pasture for the immortal horses that Old Yurie loved.

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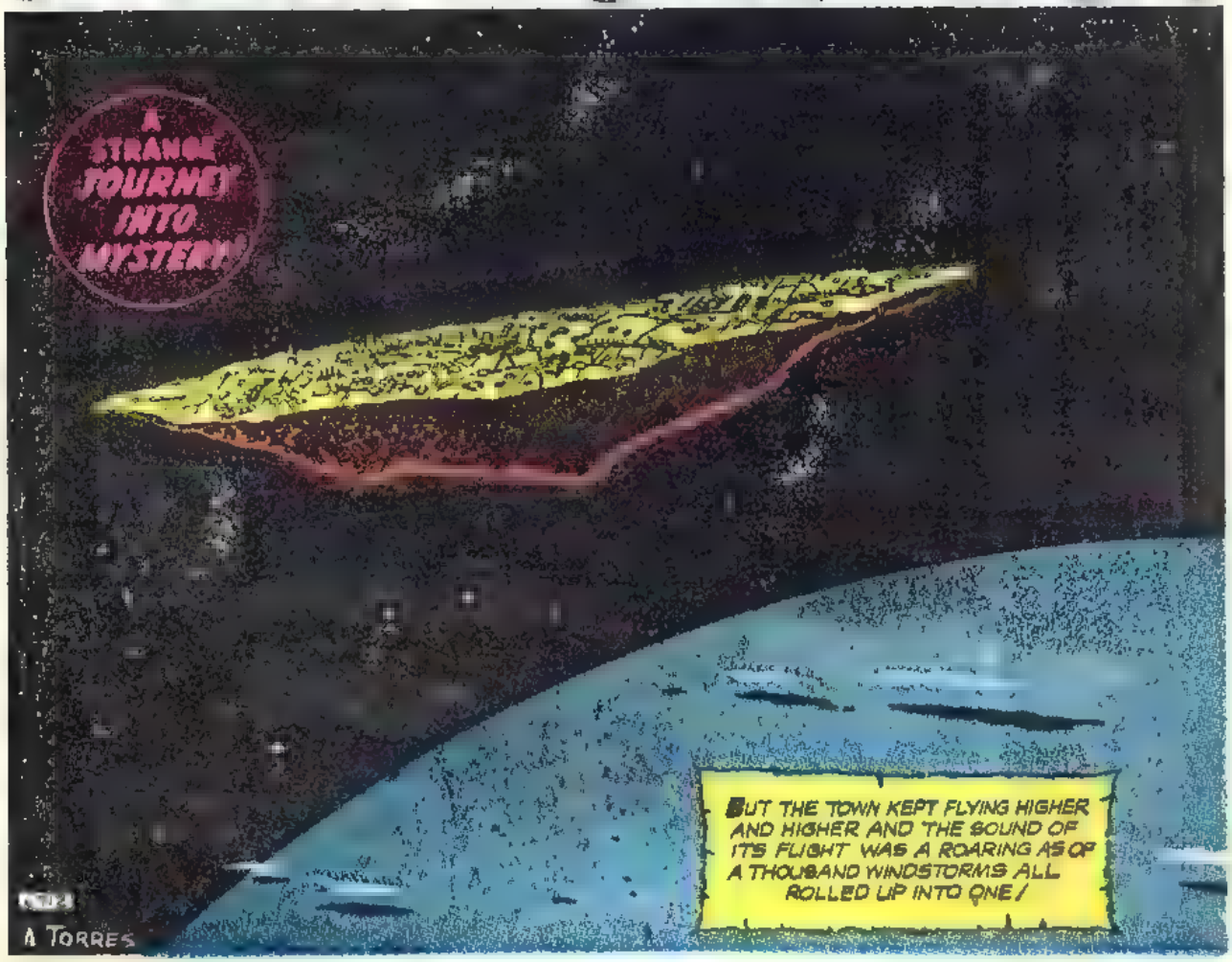
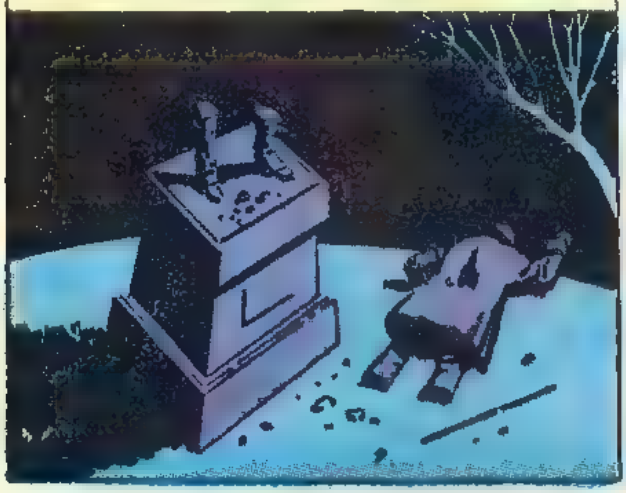
WHOEVER HEARD OF THE EARTH DISGORGING A WHOLE TOWN? OF A TOWN SOARING UP THROUGH SPACE? IT WAS MORE THAN FANTASTIC... IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE... IT JUST HAD TO BE A...

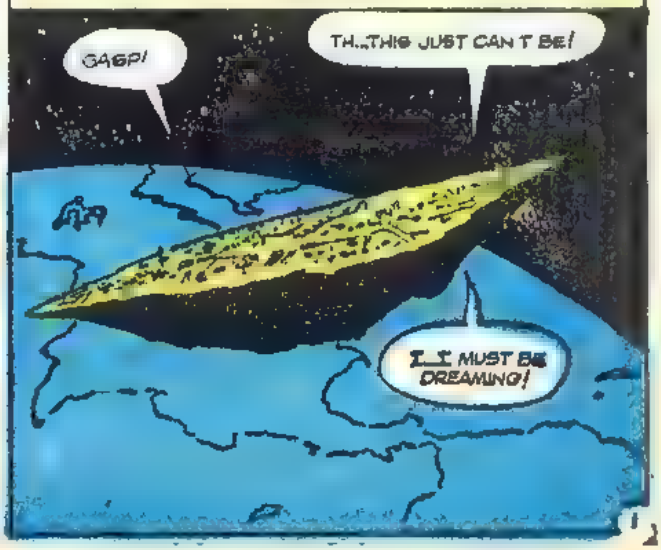
# NIGHTMARE!


A STRANGE JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY
BUT THE TOWN KEPT FLYING HIGHER AND HIGHER AND THE SOUND OF ITS FLIGHT WAS A ROARING AS OF A THOUSAND WINDSTORMS ALL ROLLED UP INTO ONE!
A TORRES

AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT WHEN ALL THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD BEEN FAST ASLEEP, THE EARTH HAD SHUDDERED VOLENTLY! AND THEN AFTER SEVERAL PRELIMINARY WRENCHES, THE TOWN HAD RISEN FROM THE SURFACE AND STARTED ITS FLIGHT! EXCEPT FOR THE STATUE IN THE TOWN SQUARE, THERE HAD MIRACULOUSLY BEEN NO CASUALTIES IN LIFE OR PROPERTY!



IN FACT, THE TOWN HAD BEEN FLYING A FULL HOUR ALREADY... AND ALL THE TOWNSPEOPLE WERE STILL ASLEEP! ALL OF THEM EXCEPT THREE MEN!



HE WHO HAD GASPED AND WHOSE JAW STILL HUNG SLACK WITH SHOCK, WAS GEORGE BASCOMBE THE TOWN'S MAYOR.

HOW COULD A TOWN BE FLYING? AND WHY TONIGHT OF ALL NIGHTS?

"WHY TONIGHT?" THE MAYOR KEPT WONDERING...AND THEN HE REMEMBERED THAT THE DAWN WOULD HAVE SEEN HIS PLAN BEAR FRUIT AT LAST! FOR JUST YESTERDAY HE HAD SEEN THE TOWN CLERK OFF AT THE STATION

ENJOY YOUR VACATION, SAM! I'LL HANDLE EVERYTHING WHILE YOU'RE GONE!

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I'LL HANDLE EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT! ESPECIALLY THE WELFARE FUND! IT'S $10 ENOUGH TO SET UP A MAN FOR LIFE...A MAN WHO'S ALWAYS SLAVED FOR OTHERS!

FORCING HIMSELF TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY AS HE PASSED THE LINE OF UNFORTUNATES WHO DEPENDED ON THE WELFARE FUND FOR SURVIVAL, THE MAYOR HAD GONE DIRECTLY TO THE BANK...

I'LL WITHDRAW THE WHOLE FUND! I'LL TELL THE BANK I HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE A GOOD BUY ON FOOD AND CLOTHING IN BULK!

WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE A MAN LIKE YOU AS MAYOR, SIR!

UP TILL NOW YOU'VE BEEN LUCKY! UP TILL NOW I'VE SLAVED FOR THE TOWN, BARELY MANAGING TO GET BY MYSELF...BUT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO PAY ME FOR ALL THOSE YEARS OF THANKLESS WORK!

TELLER

THIS IS MY LAST NIGHT IN TOWN! COME TOMORROW... I'LL CLEAR OUT WITH THE FUND IN MY WALLET! AND THEY'LL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN!

FRANK LEFFERTS, THE BANKER, WAS THE ONE WHO HAD CRIED OUT, "THIS JUST CAN'T BE!" AND NOW LEFFERTS WAS STILL STARING NUMBLY AT THE STARS RUSHING BY...

IT'S FLYING, ALL RIGHT! WHOEVER THOUGHT YESTERDAY THAT ANYTHING LIKE THIS COULD EVER HAPPEN?

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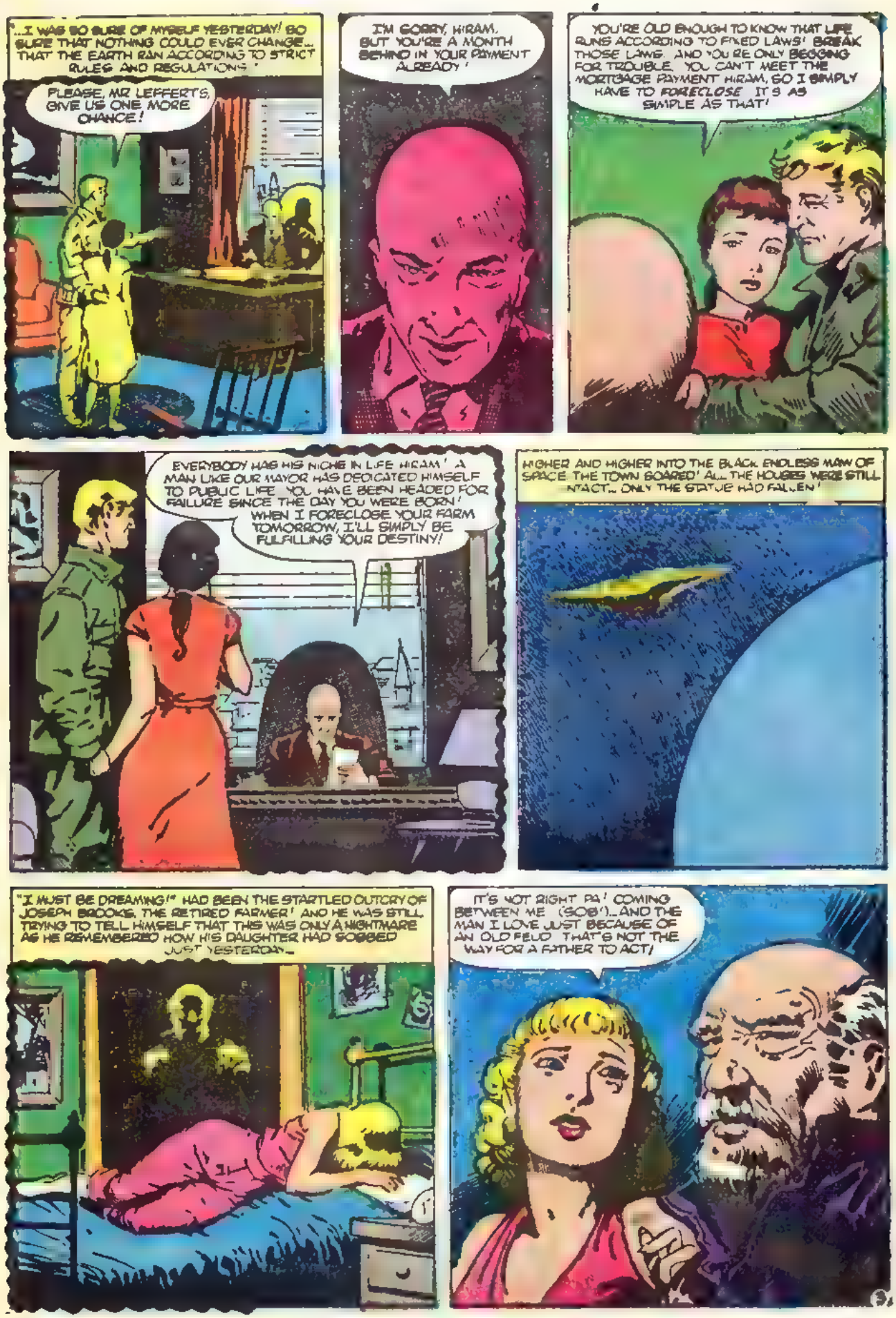
...I WAS SO SURE OF MYSELF YESTERDAY! SO SURE THAT NOTHING COULD EVER CHANGE... THAT THE EARTH RAN ACCORDING TO STRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS!
PLEASE, MR LEFFERTS, GIVE US ONE MORE CHANCE!
I'M SORRY, HIRAM, BUT YOU'RE A MONTH BEHIND IN YOUR PAYMENT ALREADY!
YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT LIFE RUNS ACCORDING TO FIXED LAWS! BREAK THOSE LAWS, AND YOU'RE ONLY BEGGING FOR TROUBLE. YOU CAN'T MEET THE MORTGAGE PAYMENT HIRAM, SO I SIMPLY HAVE TO FORECLOSE IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT!
EVERYBODY HAS HIS NICHE IN LIFE HIRAM! A MAN LIKE OUR MAYOR HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO PUBLIC LIFE. YOU HAVE BEEN HEADED FOR FAILURE SINCE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN! WHEN I FORECLOSE YOUR FARM TOMORROW, I'LL SIMPLY BE FULFILLING YOUR DESTINY!
HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE BLACK ENDLESS MAW OF SPACE. THE TOWN BOARD! ALL THE HOUSES WERE STILL INTACT... ONLY THE STATUE HAD FALLEN!
"I MUST BE DREAMING!" HAD BEEN THE STARTLED OUTCRY OF JOSEPH BROOKS, THE RETIRED FARMER! AND HE WAS STILL TRYING TO TELL HIMSELF THAT THIS WAS ONLY A NIGHTMARE AS HE REMEMBERED HOW HIS DAUGHTER HAD SOBBED JUST YESTERDAY...
IT'S NOT RIGHT PA! COMING BETWEEN ME (SOB!)...AND THE MAN I LOVE JUST BECAUSE OF AN OLD FEUD THAT'S NOT THE WAY FOR A FATHER TO ACT!

THINKING ONLY OF OLD HATE INSTEAD OF TODAY'S HAPPINESS FOR YOUR OWN DAUGHTER!
I'M YOUR FATHER MILLIE. YOU'LL DO AS I SAY.
BUT I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY IF I DON'T MARRY JEFF!
OUR FAMILY'S BEEN FEUDING AGAINST HIS AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER! THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS!
LATER BEFORE GOING TO BED..
MILLIE MEANS TO DISOBEY ME! BUT I'LL BE GOING AFTER HER JEFF WITH THIS TOMORROW...AND THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE SETTLED ONCE AND FOR ALL!
A COMET SCREAMED BY! AND NOW THREE FERVENT WISHES WERE RISING FROM THE TOWN...
IF I COULD ONLY RETURN THE FUND...
I WOULDN'T FORECLOSE NOW...IF I HAD THE CHANCE NOT TO!
I WAS A FOOL! A FATHER HAS A DUTY TO MAKE HIS DAUGHTER HAPPY!
A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, THE TOWN'S FLIGHT WAS DISRUPTED BY A TREMENDOUS JOLT
AND WHEN DAWN BROKE...
WE'RE BACK DOWN ON EARTH.
THE WHOLE FLIGHT WAS NOTHING BUT A NIGHTMARE!
NOT A SINGLE HOUSE EVEN SPLINTERED...SO IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED! BUT I'M GLAD I HAD THE DREAM...IT OPENED MY EYES!
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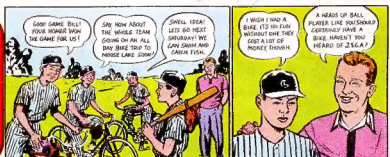
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